

## ***DFR-04 Forest Plantation***

### **Purpose**

1. Protect the soil.
2. Encourage the conversion of marginal soils to less intensive use.
3. Soil erosion from agricultural sources.
4. Improve water quality.

### **Applicability**

Applies to land to be converted to woodland.

### **Erosion Requirements**

Practice has no erosion requirements.

### **Specifications**

The completed practice must meet the NRCS Standards and Specifications for Fence (382), livestock exclusion under Access Control (472), Tree/Shrub Preparation (490) and Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) contained in the Field Office Technical Guide.

### **Policies**

1. ***Cost-share is authorized for:***
  - a. Tree plantation.
  - b. Critical Area Seeding. Permanent vegetative cover based on the Critical Area Seeding component.
  - c. Exclusion fence that lies within an existing functional interior or property line fence.
2. ***Cost-share is not authorized for:***
  - a. Site preparation used to clear or remove undesirable tree species so that desirable species can be planted.
  - b. Planting of trees for commercial production.
  - c. Fence that does not serve the purpose of excluding livestock, such as property lines, rights-of-way, or farm road boundaries.
  - d. Bringing electrical power to the site.
  - e. Clearing of rocks or other obstructions from the area.
  - f. Planting materials and/or equipment supplied at no charge by any agency or organization.
  - g. Reforestation on land where timber has been harvested.
  - h. Planting less than one acre.

**Maximum State Cost-Share**

Assistance is limited to 75% of the county average cost, not to exceed the state average cost.

**Map Requirements**

1. Shapefiles from NRCS's Toolkit program must be saved on the district's T:\ drive prior to contract approval. The shapefiles must contain attributes that show the following information that pertains to the contract:
  - Farm Perimeter
  - Existing Fence
  - Planned Fence
  - Acres treated with practice.
  - Any other feature that may affect the practice.
2. A map that displays the completed practice must be scanned and attached as a document type "Map" in MoSWIMS prior to contract payment submission.

**Technical Responsibilities**

Technical staff has the responsibility for determining the need for the practice, for design of the practice based upon the minimum extent necessary, and to certify that the completed practice meets NRCS standards and specifications within commission policy.

**Acres Served**

Acreage of tree plantation.

**Extent Installed**

Acres.

**Maintenance Life**

10 years.